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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Marshall Wilson, former
Coffee County Road Superintendent.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the passing of our most trusted friend and colleague, Marshall Wilson of Manchester; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson had served the good people of Coffee County with the utmost in integrity and industry as their Road Superintendent for some twenty productive years; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who possessed the unique ability to bring people together to achieve a common goal, Mr. Wilson was first elected Road Superintendent for Coffee County in 1958, serving one term until 1962; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary gentleman and consummate professional was elected to a second term as Road Superintendent in 1978, and he served with probity and proficiency in that important office until 1993, when ill health forced him to resign; and

WHEREAS, universally admired as a "true asset for Coffee County", Mr. Wilson's duties as Road Superintendent included overseeing 630 miles of county roads, paving and grading existing roads, and making improvements to the county's road system; he fulfilled each of these

duties with the usual unerring competence to which his fellow citizens had become accustomed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson first entered the world of business in 1948, when he founded his own company, which was involved in rock and grading roads and building subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, he excelled in this vocation until he was elected to serve his first term as Road Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, after his first term as Road Superintendent, Mr. Wilson applied his considerable talents as an employee of McDowell and McDowell, a contracting company specializing in the construction of interstate highways and airports; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1966, Mr. Wilson utilized his expertise and unfaltering work ethic as a foreman for the Tennessee Valley Authority; he has been credited, along with a crew of construction workers, with building sixty percent of the Tims Ford Dam as he worked assiduously in this position; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson had recently been honored for his meritorious public service and extensive record of community service by means of his receipt of a proclamation from Governor Ned McWherter; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Wilson is survived by his loving wife of fifty-three years, Ozell Keele Wilson; his daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Freeze; two grandchildren, Felicia Freeze Keele and Ralph Wilson Freeze; and one great-grandchild, Marjorie Taylor Keele; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Wilson's life of purpose and outstanding legacy of public service truly exemplifies the finest precepts of volunteerism, and he should be honored posthumously for his commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor the memory of Marshall Wilson, reflecting fondly upon his

heartfelt concern for his fellow citizens and the quality of life in Coffee County, and his twenty years of meritorious service as Road Superintendent of Coffee County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our condolences to Mr. Wilson's family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.